

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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)	Criminal No. 05-10102-JLT
v.)	
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JOHN BRUENS, MARY STEWART,)	
MELISSA VAUGHN AND)	
MARK SIROCKMAN,)	
Defendants.)	

**UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR AN ORDER EXCLUDING TIME
FROM DECEMBER 19, 2005 UNTIL MARCH 6, 2006
PURSUANT TO THE SPEEDY TRIAL ACT
(ASSENTED TO)**

Comes now the United States, by and through its attorney, Michael J. Sullivan, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and Assistant United States Attorney Mary Elizabeth Carmody, and move this Court to enter an order excluding time in this case from December 19, 2005 until March 6, 2006. In support of this motion, the government states the following:

(1) On April 14, 2005, the grand jury returned an 8 count indictment, charging the defendants with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371, and seven counts of offering or paying illegal remunerations in connection with their employment at Serono, Inc., in order to induce physicians to prescribe the drug Serostim, which is approved for the treatment of AIDS wasting, in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(2)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2. This is a complex health care fraud case.

(2) The defendants appeared before the Court jointly on May 2, 2005 for their initial

appearances and arraignments in this case. The defendants were released from custody pending trial. At that time the Court set an initial status conference for June 7, 2005. During the initial status conference, an interim status conference was requested and set for September 13, 2005.

(3) The parties agree that this case is complex, in that the government's proof consists of a large number of documents and witnesses. Discovery involves numerous documents contained in approximately 1000 boxes. The government provided to the defendant's counsel an electronic data base to assist defendants in reviewing the documents. Defense counsel have needed sufficient time to examine the discovery, are now determining whether to prepare and file discovery motions in this case.

(4) On December 19, 2005, the parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Bowler for the interim status conference, during which the parties advised the Court of their proposals for filing discovery letters and motions in this case, which dates were accepted by the Court. The Court scheduled a hearing on any discovery motions filed on March 6, 2006. At the conference defendants' counsel agreed that the time until that hearing date should be excluded for Speedy Trial purposes. A trial date has not yet been established.

(5) The parties are in agreement that the ends of justice would be served by this delay and that the delay is necessary to avoid a miscarriage of justice, and that the denial of this motion would, despite the exercise of due diligence, deny the parties the reasonable time necessary for effective pre-trial and trial preparation. Defense counsel expressed their assent to this motion to the Court during the Status Conference on December 19, 2005.

Wherefore, the United States files this assented to motion for the entry of an order excluding time from December 19, 2005 until the date of the hearing on the discovery motions

on March 6, 2006, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(8)(A), 3161(h)(8)(B)(I), 3161(h)(8)(B)(ii), and 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv). A proposed order is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Certificate of Service and Local Rule 7.1 Certification

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing pleading on counsel of record this day by e-mail and regular mail, together with the proposed order attached. Counsel for the defendants have indicated their assent to this motion.

/s/ Mary Elizabeth Carmody

MARY ELIZABETH CARMODY

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ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Assented to Motion of the United States to exclude time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161. Having reviewed the matter, the Court finds as follows:

(1) On April 14, 2005, the grand jury returned an 8 count indictment, charging the defendants with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371, and seven counts of offering or paying illegal remunerations in connection with their employment at Serono, Inc., allegedly to induce physicians to prescribe the drug Serostim, which is approved for the treatment of AIDS wasting, in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(2)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2. This is a complex health care fraud case.

(2) The defendants appeared jointly on May 2, 2005 for their initial appearances and arraignments. The defendants were released pending trial.

(3) At the initial status conference on June 7, 2005, the parties agreed that the case is complex, in that the government's proof consists of a large number of documents and witnesses.

Discovery involves numerous documents contained in approximately 1000 boxes. Defense counsel required sufficient time to examine discovery and prepare for filing motions and thereafter to prepare for trial. The time period from June 7, 2005 until December 19, 2005 has been excluded for Speedy Trial purposes by prior Orders of this Court.

(4) At the interim Status Conference on December 19, 2005, counsel for the defendants assented to the exclusion of time from December 19, 2005 until the date for the hearing on any discovery motions filed, that is until March 6, 2006.

(5) The ends of justice warrants the exclusion of this period of time and outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that for the reasons set forth above, that for purpose of computing the time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974 within which the trial must commence, the period from December 19, 2005 until March 6, 2006, inclusive, shall be deemed an excludable period pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(8)(A), 3161(h)(8)(B)(I), 3161(h)(8)(B)(ii), and 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

Dated: _____

MARIANNE B. BOWLER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE